



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
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January 13, 2003

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

Bruce Everetts  
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Office of Site Evaluation  
Division of Remediation Management  
Bureau of Land  
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Re: United States Steel South Works and Wisconsin Steel Works Vessel Slips and Calumet River Sediments

Dear Mr. Everetts:

This is in response to your letters dated June 20, 2002 to Bill Bolen of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Emergency Response Branch. Subsequent to receipt of your letter, Sam Borries and Mike Ribordy, On-Scene Coordinators, were assigned to review the Preliminary Assessment and data submitted by your office. Mr. Borries and Mr. Ribordy reviewed the information to determine if a removal action is warranted.

Based on the available data, the potential magnitude of the contaminated sediment, the complex hydraulics within the river system, and the potential high cost of a sediment cleanup, we have determined that this project can best be handled by the Superfund Remedial Program. As such, I have been assigned to the project. In addition to initiating the remedial and enforcement work for this project, I will be coordinating with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to discuss combining Superfund remedial work with the Corps' navigational dredging program within this river.

If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 353-0536.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Jaffess".

Sharon Jaffess, Remedial Project Manager  
Remedial Response Section 6

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